

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Currently, a large number of Idahoans receive monetary benefits from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The money is issued as a monthly cash allowance and is generally distributed via public assistance benefit cards. TANF is designed to be a supplement to low income families for necessary or urgent needs. Currently, there are no restrictions as to how the public assistance benefit cards or cash obtained with public assistance benefit cards can be used. This legislation seeks to prohibit the use of public assistance benefit cards or the cash obtained with public assistance benefit cards, from being expended for inappropriate purchases or venues.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no known fiscal impact on the General Fund. This legislation can be implemented in the same manner that is currently being used for food stamp restrictions.

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